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Hongkong, December 16, 1884. 2127

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Hongkong, December 11, 1884. 2076

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from the above Ports, Consignees

of Cargo are hereby requested to send

in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned

for countersignature, and to take immediate

delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding discharge will be at once

landed and stored at Consignees' risk and

expenses.

Consignees are hereby informed that all

Cargo must be made immediately, as

none will be entertained after the 13th

instant.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,

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Hongkong, January 4, 1885. 80

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COMPANY, LIMITED.

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This Steamship has superior first-class

Passenger Accommodation specially con-

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Hongkong, January 5, 1885. 31

## To-day's Advertisements.

## FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

The Steamship

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dispatched for the above

Ports TO-MORROW, the 6th instant, at

4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

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Hongkong, January 5, 1885. 24

## FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship

*Chi-yuen*, Capt. L. D'AVALL, will be

dispatched for the above

Port TO-MORROW, the 6th instant,

at 4 p.m.

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Hongkong, January 5, 1885. 25

## FOR SHANGHAI.

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CHIWANG, HANKOW and Ports on

the YANGTZE.)

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Hongkong, January 5, 1885. 26

## DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.

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*Douglas*, Captain S. ASHTON, will be

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Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 7th instant, at

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For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LARCAK & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, January 5, 1885. 27

## INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION

COMPANY, LIMITED.

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on the YANGTZE.)

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Port on FRIDAY, the 9th instant, at 4 p.m.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, January 5, 1885. 23

## FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

The Spanish Steamer

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dispatched for the above

Port on SATURDAY, the 10th instant, at

5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

REANEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, January 5, 1885. 29

## FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 100 A 1 British Ship

*Arcton*, Captain JACKSON, will be

dispatched for the above

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5 p.m.

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Hongkong, January 5, 1885. 32

## Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessel.	Captain.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Batavia, &c., via Saigon.	<i>Colombo</i> (s).	de Haan	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About January 5.
Hongkong, via Saigon.	<i>Zanussi</i> (s).	de Haan	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About January 5.
Hongkong, via Saigon.	<i>Cambridge</i> (s).	de Haan	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About January 5.
London, &c., via Suez Canal.	<i>Sulley</i> (s).	A. H. Johnson	P. & O. S. N. Co.	January 6, at 4 p.m.
London, via Suez Canal.	<i>Hector</i> (s).	de Haan	Butterfield & Swire.	January 10.
Manila, via Suez Canal.	<i>Glenary</i> (s).	de Haan	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About January 17.
Manila, via Suez Canal.	<i>Envy</i> (s).	de Haan	Remedios & Co.	January 10, at 5 p.m.
Manila, via Suez Canal.	<i>Yacht</i> (s).	de Haan	Remedios & Co.	January 15, at noon.
San Francisco, via Yokohama.	<i>City of Rio de Janeiro</i> (s).	de Haan	Remedios & Co.	January 9, at 3 p.m.
San Francisco, via Yokohama.	<i>Western Monarch</i> (s).	de Haan	Remedios & Co.	Quick despatch.
Shanghai, via Amoy.	<i>Nestor</i> (s).	de Haan	Butterfield & Swire.	January 6.
Shanghai, via Amoy.	<i>Amoy</i> (s).	de Haan	Butterfield & Swire.	January 6, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai, via Amoy.	<i>Chin-tung</i> (s).	de Haan	Butterfield & Swire.	January 6, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai, via Amoy.	<i>Kwongkong</i> (s).	de Haan	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	January 9, at 4 p.m.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.	<i>Chi-yuen</i> (s).	de Haan	Remedios & Co.	January 6, at 4 p.m.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.	<i>Arcton</i> (s).	de Haan	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	January 17, at 3 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.	<i>Douglas</i> (s).	de Haan	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	January 17, at 3 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.	<i>Amoy</i> (s).	de Haan	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Jan. 7, at daylight.
Sydney and Melbourne, &c.	<i>Airline</i> (s).	de Haan	Russell & Co.	January 10, at 4 p.m.
Yokohama and Higo.	<i>Castello</i> (s).	de Haan	Chandler	Quick despatch.
Yokohama and Higo.	<i>Greenishire</i> (s).	de Haan	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Quick despatch.

## SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

JAN. 5, 1885.



often alleged, that she has designs upon the throne of Korea, and it is quite possible that hostilities between China and Japan would prove to be more advantageous to Russia than to either of the two belligerent countries. China and Japan will do wisely in remaining fast friends until at least their power is better developed than it is at present.

The actual facts of the affair at the Korean capital are not yet clearly ascertained. All that is positively known is that a number of high Korean officials were murdered in a most treacherous manner, and that Chinese and Japanese troops, through some blundering and possibly jealousy, subsequently fought for the privilege apparently of guarding the King's palace. One lesson will be gathered from this collision, and that is the danger of placing troops of rival nations in the same town, especially when the larger portion at least of these soldiers are not much better disciplined than an armed rabble. It is difficult enough sometimes to maintain good feeling and to prevent fighting between disciplined European regiments of the same nationality, and one cannot expect that peace and order will be observed in a town occupied at the same time by Chinese, Japanese and Korean forces. Meanwhile it only remains to be noted that both the Chinese and Japanese Governments have sent representatives to arrange matters, and an amicable settlement of the trouble is anticipated.

Excellent practice was made by the Volunteers on Saturday afternoon with the 7-pr. guns at North Point Battery. The force which mustered at Headquarters and marched down to the Battery was considerably strengthened during the afternoon by fresh arrivals, who brought the muster up to between 30 and 40. On the road down to the Battery, the carbine squad was exercised in various manoeuvres by Captain Francis, and two rounds of blank cartridges were fired by the battery. The company arrived at the Battery about half past two, and at once sat down to an ample repast, excellently prepared by Quartermaster Sergeant Mehta, and set out in a matched on the fort. This having been done full justice to, an inspection was made of the Battery, and then practice was commenced. The guns were planted on the Shan-ki-wan Road, and the target, composed of a barrel with a red flag inserted in it, was placed about 800 yards from the shore. Twenty seven rounds were fired, with common and Shrapnell shells, each round being fired by a different man. The best practice with the common shell was made by Sergt McBrean, whose shell burst just over the target, and with Shrapnell shell, by Gr. Mr. Sergt. Mehta, Sergt. Miles and Gunners Parfitt and Seccombe being also well to the front with this shell. Lieut. Col. Crawford, Commandant of the Corps, was present during the whole of the afternoon. On the return of the men to Headquarters, Major Tripp informed the men that he had been requested by the Commandant to say he considered the practice very satisfactory. The turnout was not so large as he should have liked to have seen, and he trusted members would give a better attendance at drill. Part of the practice was witnessed by H. E. the Governor, who drove down to the spot, in company with Mr. J. C. Blake, the ex-member of Parliament.

The following is the table of contents of the Overseas China Mail to be published at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning—  
 BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.  
 QUOTATIONS, EXCHANGE, &c.  
 SUMMARY OF NEWS.  
 AFFAIRS IN FORMOSA.  
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 HONGKONG.  
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Lieutenant-Commander Thomas Nelson, U.S.N., arrived at Shanghai on the 30th ult., per s.s. *Gaika Maru*, to assume command of the U.S.S. *Palos*.

The Government Gazette contains a notification of Her Majesty's confirmation and allowance of the Peace Preservation Ordinance.

A report was current at Nagasaki on the 24th instant that the Japanese and Chinese men-of-war at Chemulpo had fought, and that one Japanese vessel had been blown up by a torpedo. It is probable that the report was an invention.—N.C.D. News.

H.M.S. *Esper* left Shanghai on the morning of the 28th ult., for Corea. She will afterwards return to her station at Chemulpo. She has to visit Corea once in six weeks.

The *Mercury* learns that H. E. General Lucius Foote, U. S. Minister to Korea, has been entrusted with a mission to settle the troubles lately caused by the Japanese in Korea. The same paper hears that men from the United States men-of-war *Trenton* and *Osage* are being landed at Seoul to protect General Foote, the United States Minister. It is rumoured by the Japanese that these men are landed really to support China.

The *Comer* regrets to learn by the steamer *Wuchang*, from Chefoo, of the death of Mr. T. C. Jennings, harbour-master at that port, which occurred on the 20th ultimo. He was bitten on the lip by his pet dog some two months ago, and has since died of hydrophobia. He was very popular among all with whom he came in contact, and great sympathy is felt for Mrs. Jennings in her bereavement.

The following information regarding the movements of H. B. M.'s ships is taken from Shanghai papers.—The *Merlin* arrived at Shanghai, from a cruise, on the 26th ult., to await the Admiral's orders. The ship *Daring* was at Chinkiang on the same date, and on the 28th it is announced that the *Zephyr* left Ningpo for Wenchow. On Christmas Day, the *Sapphire* arrived at Wenchow, from Sharp Peak, but was unable to cross the bar until the 30th. She relieved the *Cleopatra*, which was to leave Shanghai for Hongkong on the 2nd instant. The *Esper* left Shanghai on the 28th ult. for Chemulpo, from which place she is expected back on the 6th inst.

Last Thursday Professor Barker lectured at Brighton on 'Whom not to marry.' In his address to the young lady part of his audience he earnestly counselled them not to enter into matrimonial relations with men who were smokers or who indulged in alcoholic liquors. The Professor's views did not find favour with his audience, and manifestations of disapproval were loud and frequent. He was already tolerably scarce, and if all men are to be tabooed who are not teetotalers or anti-tobaccoists, the number of girls condemned to wither on their virgin stalks, and to walk up and down the King's-road in maiden meditation, will increase to a positively frightful extent.—*Truth*.

The latest from Chemulpo, says the *Shanghai Mercury* of the 31st ult., is that all is quiet at that port. The Japanese have soldiers on the hill-tops to watch the road to Seoul. A Japanese Secretary of the Foreign Office arrived in the steamer *Amoy* to enquire into the state of affairs. There are 170 Japanese soldiers at Chemulpo, as Legation Guard; and 1,000 Chinese troops in camp at Seoul and 2,000 badly drilled Korean troops, and a number of irregulars. There are two Japanese men-of-war in Chemulpo and troops and ships expected to follow. The English Consul-General is still at the Consulate at Chemulpo. There is a German, United States and British man-of-war in port at Chemulpo, and two Chinese cruisers close by.

It is really difficult, says *Truth*, to understand how Sir Thomas Brassey came to assure Mr. Anderson on Friday that no information had reached the Admiralty from Devonport on the subject of discontent on board the *Agamemnon*. That discontent existed, and that there were allegations of undue severity, were notorious at Plymouth and Devonport, were notorious at the Admiralty, and were known to the Government. It is not surprising that the Government should have known this, but it is surprising that the Government should have allowed the Admiralty to be so grossly deceived. It is not surprising that the Government should have known this, but it is surprising that the Government should have allowed the Admiralty to be so grossly deceived.

The following is an extract from a private letter from Keelung, dated the 24th ult., and published in the *Shanghai Courier*.—There were five French vessels in harbour, one of which was having shell practice at the Chinese fort on the hills. The French are in occupation of the heights round, with the exception of one point. We were not allowed to go ashore, but we saw all the inhabitants have left, and although a proclamation was issued that they could return and would not be molested, they objected to doing so and the French are therefore burning the place. It is said they expect reinforcements shortly and will occupy the country. What will become of the Taiwan sugar crop, if the French still intend to keep the island blockaded?

The German military authorities have resolved to introduce an important change in the equipment of all the cavalry. Hopsforth carbines are to be carried along across the back, instead of in a leather case over the right thigh, and furthermore, all carbines are to be suspended from the saddle instead of being buckled to the waistband. The high peaked Hungarian saddle is to be discarded in favour of a lighter and more convenient one, somewhat resembling the English hunting pattern, while the bridle of both horse and man is to be very considerably lightened. For example, two spare horsehoes, a fore and a hind one, will henceforth be taken into the field, instead of four, and the kit of the troopers is to be much reduced. The idea at the bottom of the reform is that all the cavalry must in future be trained more than ever to act as infantry, as may be inferred from the fact that the carbine, and not the sabre, is the weapon that will remain inseparable from its owner.

The following charters were effected in Amoy during the fortnight ended on Dec. 29th:—  
 Pakam, 7,300 peculs, 5 to 7 months, @ \$720 per month.  
 Niederst, 4,500 peculs, to Bangkok and back to Hongkong or Amoy, 20 day days, @ \$120.  
 Adolph, 6,000 peculs, (at Hongkong) 5 to 7 months, @ \$800 per month.  
 Francis, 9,000 peculs, to Hongkong with 8,000 peculs Original New Guinea cargo, @ \$725, and Hongkong to Amoy, 21 per ton costs.  
 Oscar Meyer, 2,200 peculs, 6 to 7 months, at \$800 per month.  
 Chateaubriand, 10,000 peculs, Nagasaki to Port Arthur \$1.50 per ton costs, then to Chefoo to Amoy, 10 cents per pecul, 22 day days.  
 Anglo-Indian, 12,000 peculs, to Singapore, 25 day days, \$900.

Upwards of ninety of the leading leading went forth to welcome Teo Tsung-tang at the gate of the city on his arrival, and presented charges against Chang P'ei-lun and others connected with the late disaster at Mampul. The venerable Ching tang received them very cordially, asking with a pleased expression whether they still remembered him. They replied, of course, in the affirmative, and began to tell the sad story of Pagoda Anchorage. Ah! said Teo, 'this affair of ours with France does not depend upon one man alone; I am older, a good deal, than when I was here before.' He then enquired whether

The United States Post Office at Washington has been in the habit of sending Christmas and New Year cards to the different Post Offices it has dealings with. The Japanese Post Office are now doing the same. The cards read thus:—'The Officers of the Postal Administration of the Japanese Empire send the compliments of the season to their colleagues at—  
 A Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year 1884-5.' In the middle of the card is a picture of the General Post Office, Tokio, with the rising sun in the background. The card, engraving, printing and envelope are all the work of Japanese.—N.C.D. News.

The *Nagasaki Express* of 27th instant states:—The U. S. frigate *Trenton*, flagship of Admiral Davis, arrived from Chemulpo, this morning. Up to the date of her leaving, no further serious trouble had occurred there other than that already reported, although the country is of course in a very unsettled state yet, and it will probably be some time before the matter will be settled. The whole of the foreign representatives are still staying at Chemulpo, and will remain there pending the settlement of the difficulty. We hear that two or three foreigners have remained behind in Seoul, but they have on their way next for Shanghai. H.I.M.'s iron-clad *Pan-kan* proceeded to Corea on Wednesday afternoon last (24th inst.). The same evening, H.I.B.M.'s cruiser *Rusovick* arrived from Yokohama, and after coaling the left for Corea on the following day.

The *Times* of Egypt has this—Our readers are aware that the Khedive's Government had sold to Mr. Bosch 17 batteries (120 guns) of Krupp's field pieces that were of no further use to them, and a certain quantity of projectiles for the sum of £8,000. The bargain was completed, and the money cashed when the French Consul General stepped in and suggested that Mr. Bosch was purchasing for the Chinese Government, and that it would be a friendly thing for the Egyptian Government to sell a friendly Power's sold war material to a country in which France was making reprisals for certain alleged injuries that she had sustained. In deference to this representation, the Government of His Highness declined to complete the bargain, and had made with Mr. Bosch, although they had assured themselves that the cannon were to be shipped on board an English vessel for an English port, and they offered to return the £8,000. This, of course, Mr. Bosch declines to accept, and he is, we understand, about to enter an action against the Egyptian Government for £28,000 damages for the non-completion of his contract and the Government fondly clings to the hope that it will be indemnified by France for any pecuniary loss it may experience. This expectation is an instance of the extraordinary manner in which the Government plunges headlong into utterly useless expenses. It must have known perfectly well, in selling the cannon, what it was doing. If it intended to abide by the bargain, it should have said so, and it is incomprehensible that it should bind itself to a contract which it is ready to abandon on the first objection. Whilst it fights over a hundred or two more or less in some minor department, it hands over £18,000 or £20,000 without a murmur to a foreign contractor in return for nothing.

The Chinese seem to regret that they reduced the tribute rice freight to 35c, for they begin to say, that 35c. would induce steamer companies to deliver it here next year, against the opposition of the Chinese Government. They begin to believe the French may send some vessels to the Gulf of Pechili before the navigation opens, and therefore fear they may have to fight without food.

Large iron girders are being erected in the French Concession, opposite the French Consulate, by the Jesuits, but it is a burning question as to whom they are for, and Messrs. Brown, Rostollubor and Dering, do not seem inclined to satisfy our curiosity by letting us know what they are for.

Our community has been interested by a Mr. Walker, an Englishman, I. H. Hongkong, who had been watching out another like cat and dog.

Police Intelligence.  
 (Before A. G. Wise, Esq.)  
 Monday, Jan. 5.

THE ALLEGED ARSON CASE.  
 Lo Aving and Kwai Atai, shop coolies, who were charged on the 23rd Dec. last with setting fire to dwelling house No. 8, Kan U Pong, on the night of the 22nd December, were brought up on remand.

The first defendant stated that he went to bed at 10.30 p.m. on the night of the 22nd and before going to sleep a Chinese candlestick was lit and a match was struck. He then went to bed and was afterwards aroused by people knocking at the door.

Second defendant said that he went to bed with the first defendant and was also awakened by the people knocking.

No further evidence being forthcoming, both defendants were discharged.

There was any special distress among the people. 'No,' replied the spokesman of the deputation. 'Well,' said his Excellency, 'I rely upon your co-operation in administering the affairs of my office, and you must not permit me to be the victim of distress or hardship that the people may suffer.' Both Teo and his interviewers kept copiously during the conversation.—N.C.D. News.

Hangchow. Dear Sir,  
 The new hospital, which has been noticed several times in your paper, is now nearly finished, only the inner work remaining to be completed. The building so far reflects great credit on Dr. Main, who, amidst many professional engagements, has given every personal supervision to the work.

The walls and the timbers in the floors and roof are thick and strong, and give the many Chinese visitors a very good lesson in architecture. The height of the house, two storeys surmounted by a cupola, is second to none in the city except the chimney of the arsenal. The cupola is to contain a clock which is to furnish the standard time for the city. It is understood that the clock is purchased with money made up by small contributions from the natives. Great interest is shown by them in the clock tower. It will be a great boon to the community if it can indicate for us the correct time. Heretofore, we have relied on private clocks and watches, each one quite unreliable to its own owner but not able to command a large estimate. We propose to submit the ruling of the new clock.—N.C.D. News.

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Nagasaki...	30.07	83.652	82	b	—	—
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## SELANGOR TIN MINING COMPANY OF SHANGHAI.

The annual meeting of the shareholders in this Company was held on the 28th ult. at the Company's office in Ningling Road, Shanghai. Mr. W. V. Drummond (chairman) presided, and there were also present Messrs. A. Lind and E. O. Arbuthnot (directors), T. Latham, G. D. Kerr, H. H. Joseph, W. W. Clifford, R. E. Wainwright, F. W. Lammert, and G. J. Dudgeon (secretary), representing in all 1,197 shares and 417 votes.

The following report and accounts were submitted:—

At the Special General Meeting of shareholders held on 20th November last, a full account of the Company's experiences was submitted. As was then stated, all work at the Ny. Puteh Mine has been stopped, and the Directors are now awaiting the report of Mr. T. J. Haughton, the inspecting engineer. This gentleman arrived in Penang on 11th December; he is now in Penang, and will shortly proceed to Selangor. When Mr. Haughton's report may be expected cannot yet be stated, but the Directors hope to have it in a month or six weeks from the present time, and when it is received a Special General Meeting will be called to consider it.

Since the Meeting of 20th November, the agreement with the General Manager has been cancelled, and he is no longer in the service of the Company; only two members of the staff now remain in Selangor, who are looking after the Company's property pending Mr. Haughton's arrival.

The accounts which are published show the Capital expended; no account of the month's disbursements in Selangor has yet been received, but some \$4,000 will be required for these, which will include the paying off of all outstanding liabilities and compensation to two of the employees discharged. The current monthly expenses will not now exceed \$1,000 per month.

In accordance with the terms of the Deed of Settlement, Mr. Lind retains in rotation from the directors, but is eligible for re-election.

Mr. R. M. Campbell reviews the past of the company as required by the Deed of Settlement, but offers himself for re-election.

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Vessel's Name.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignee or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Albion	Brit.	1402	Dec. 22	Russell & Co.	Sydney, &c.	10th inst.
Albany	Brit.	1487	Dec. 24	Butterfield & Swire.	Nagasaki.	10th inst.
Albion	Brit.	1487	Dec. 24	R. R. Martz.	Singapore.	To-morrow
Albion	Brit.	1487	Dec. 24	5 Messageries Maritimes	Shanghai.	To-morrow
Albion	Brit.	1487	Dec. 24	4 Wier & Co.	Haitow.	To-morrow
Albion	Brit.	1487	Dec. 24	4 Wier & Co.	Calcutta, &c.	To-morrow
Albion	Brit.	1487	Dec. 24	4 Wier & Co.	Singapore.	To-morrow
Albion	Brit.	1487	Dec. 24	4 Wier & Co.	Yamaguchi & San Francisco.	To-morrow
Albion	Brit.	1487	Dec. 24	4 Wier & Co.	Bangkok.	To-morrow
Albion	Brit.	1487	Dec. 24	4 Wier & Co.	Coast Ports.	To-morrow
Albion	Brit.	1487	Dec. 24	4 Wier & Co.	Amoy, &c.	To-morrow
Albion	Brit.	1487	Dec. 24	4 Wier & Co.	Swatow.	To-morrow
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Albion	Brit.	1487	Dec. 24	4 Wier & Co.	Nagasaki.	To-morrow
Albion	Brit.	1487	Dec. 24	4 Wier & Co.	Yokohama & Higo.	To-morrow
Albion	Brit.	1487	Dec. 24	4 Wier & Co.	Haitow.	To-morrow
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